

MEMBERS CORNER

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GRADUATE WOMEN IN PUBLIC POLICY

GWIPP

Dear GWIPP Members and Alumnae:

After summers filled with internships, family, travel and entirely too many jobs, we return to school ready to tackle the daunting but rewarding task of defining and building community within MSPP. GWIPP was originally established, and still exists to promote the presence and contributions of women in the public policy field. This intent has historically been exercised by representation on and/or communication with MSPP search committees, but our purpose has since expanded to better meet the needs of our members. We seek to develop a community built on relationships among students and alumni of the University of Maryland School of Public Policy; to provide personal and professional development for our members; and to encourage students to participate in public policy.



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GWIPP President 2005-

Fortunately for us, the incoming class has already proved itself motivated and involved, organizing social events and sports teams, and working together like professionals during the orientation policy exercise. We are, however, looking at building a community bigger than what has been described, even in our own current statement of purpose. The community we are now looking to

strengthen and understand reaches outside of the ranks of GWIPP or the School of Public Policy, and into the larger university and our surrounding neighborhoods.

We live in the middle of a fast-growing metropolitan area ripe with resources, and challenges. The network of academics and professionals in Washington, DC, Prince George's and Montgomery County, Maryland is what brought many of us to the University of Maryland. But crime and violence, deficiencies in public education and transportation for our families makes us reconsider fully engaging ourselves with the area during and after our tenure as students. GWIPP plans to engage, rather than ignore, these policy issues by becoming involved with local policy advocates such as Action Langley Park (<http://www.langleypark.org>) and Prince George's Advocates for Community-based Transit (<http://www.princegeorgesact.org>) through direct service, as well as the organization of speaking and educational opportunities. We are truly looking forward to a great year, and hope to enlist new energy and ideas as soon as possible.

Dana Coelho
GWIPP President
MPP Environmental Policy 2007

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done."

-- Marie Curie

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MSPP UPDATE

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At the beginning of this new academic year, we welcome over 100 new masters and PhD students, a new dean, new full-time faculty members, and new part-time faculty and researchers to the MSPP family. With these additions we are well on our way from "growth to excellence," the path laid by the school's recently adopted ten-year strategic plan, crafted through months of student, faculty and staff input. GWIPP is particularly excited to welcome three new female faculty members - Randi Pintoff, Carol Pearson and Carol Graham.



Randi Pintoff joins us as Associate Professor. Dr. Pintoff recently received a Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University, specializing in labor and public economics. Her research agenda will encompass a variety of aspects of the justice system as well as a wide range of social policy questions. Her current research is the Economics of Crime, with an emphasis on juvenile crime.

She will be teaching UPAF 610 this fall.



Carol Pearson enters as Director of the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership and a Professor of Leadership Studies at the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland College Park. Dr. Pearson's prior academic experience include positions as Academic Vice President of Goucher College and Director of Women's Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Maryland, College Park, and

Women's Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Maryland, College Park, and

Director of Transformational Leadership Certificate Program at Georgetown University.

Carol Graham, a senior fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institution, will be teaching UPAF 640P: Microeconomic and Policy Analysis this fall. Graham has served as a Special Advisor to the Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, where she provided advice on institutional reform issues. She has also been a consultant at the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, United Nations Development Program, and the Harvard Institute for International Development, helping to design safety net and social insurance programs in Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.



MSPP also welcomes longtime faculty member Steve Fetter as the new MSPP dean. He has directed the School's international security and economic policy specialization as well as its environmental policy specialization, and was associate director of the Joint Global Change Research Institute. "Thrilled to have been selected," Dean Fetter stands poised to help make the school "universally recognized as one of the best in the nation."

More information on these faculty appointments and other school news is available online at the Summer 2005 edition of "Four One One." (<http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/news/Summer2005%20new%20dean.pdf>)

JOIN THE GWIPP ALUMNAE COMMITTEE

Do you want to:

- Promote a greater diversity of activities and events for the GWIPP community?
- Build stronger relationships with the students, faculty and alumnae of MSPP?

Contact Courtney Workman, Alumnae Relations Chair, at cworkman@acf.hhs.gov for more information! We are looking for alumnae from a wide range of years, work experience and geographic locations to help brainstorm ideas and lead activities.

MSPP COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Carolyn A. Chuhta (MPP '05)

After graduating in May with a Master of Public Policy-Social Policy concentration, Carolyn began working as a legislative aide for U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski in her Capitol Hill office. Carolyn now responds to constituent inquiries and assists in legislative projects covering a wide range of issues that include defense, foreign affairs, human rights, veterans, and trade policies. She is very happy to work on behalf of Marylanders and to be able to learn so much about a new group of policies. This past summer, Carolyn has enjoyed playing on her office's softball team, organizing potluck dinners for Screen on the Green, and trying out new happy hours around the city! In September, Carolyn will be moving from College Park to a new apartment near the Glenmont metro station--she's more than happy to enlist volunteers!

Distinguished platform guests, faculty and staff, family and friends, and my fellow graduates: good afternoon! I am very honored that my classmates have given me this opportunity to offer what I hope to be a few humorous and inspiring remarks.

I'll start at the beginning of our adventure, I came to this School not really expect. It didn't take long for me to real-

The first day of class, I started a Analysis, Dr. Fetter's Statistics, Micro-Political Analysis with Dr. Schick. First sors! Second of all, what a terrific com-intense courses! Looking back, I can tested my will and strengthened my

In every class we've taken, we exceptional scholars and practitio-gained while at this School comes from curiosity, both of which we share with lieve that these two years could never for, even if we had gone to the Ken-years of courses that did not yield to us believe they have made us even more willing and certainly more prepared to seek out creative ideas and to further delib-erate the most complex issues.

In these classes and on that first day of Orientation, I met people who came from all over the country, and from places on the other side of the world. People who brought with them impressive educational and professional experiences—graduates of military academies, mid-level managers from a variety of government agencies, social activists and advocates, and even a few lawyers. I was awestruck that these talented, ambitious, hardworking people were to be my classmates, colleagues, and even great friends. Who would have thought that, as an upstate New Yorker, fresh out of college, I would have anything in common with a Texan, an Air Force pilot, a marathon runner from Georgia, or someone who went to Duke?!

The fact is, these things don't matter much. Despite being the same age as your younger sibling, or in some cases even young enough to be your daughter, my fellow classmates—we have become friends because of our common struggle through Microeconomics, the common challenges we faced as changes were made in the School, and the common joy we've shared in finding the meeting with free pizza or realizing it was time for Social Tea.

And despite the long nights of problem sets and papers, and even our longing, or perhaps envy, for what we saw on the other side of Van Munching Hall, we did not abandon the hope and belief in our kind of policy—the kind that cleans up the Anacostia, the kind that gives students the knowledge and opportunity to be the first in their family to go to college, the kind that fosters real communication and collaboration among nations, and the kind that fixes Social Security and Medicare—and thanks to Professor DeSeve, we know they really do fixing! We're not in this for the bottom line, the profit margin, or the million-dollar merger. And Bryan has confirmed to us that we can't possibly be in it for the salary. Remember that Tom Brokaw once said, "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a dif-



venture together. As with any new experi- knowing what to expect and who to ex- ize what I was in for.....!

semester of Dr. Crocker's Normative economics with Matthias, and of course, of all, what a terrific group of profes- bination of some of the School's most say with confidence that that schedule character!

have had the opportunity to work with ners. So much of the knowledge we've our passion for service and our driving the members of this great faculty. I be- have given us the answers we hunger nedy School...No, remarkably, after two the answers to the world's problems, I do

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MEMBER UPDATES

Maha Armush (MPP/MFL '03) was promoted in July 2005 from Associate to Manager of the International Training Department at Chemonics International where she now supervises two employees. In August she visited Cairo, Egypt to train Chemonics field offices. Maha used to live in Egypt so it also gave her a chance to catch up with plenty of old friends. Now she is heading to Aspen, Colorado for ten days of professional development and time to reflect on her career path and make decisions about the future.

Libby Bixby-Skolnik (MPP 06) had the opportunity to work as the Development

Associate for Students Partnership Worldwide (SPW) through support from the Shafer Internship Program this summer. There she was responsible for two grant proposals seeking support for the organization's mission of promoting AIDS awareness in Africa and Asia through non-formal youth education.

Amanda Brodt (BA/MPP '03) has just moved back to Washington, DC with her husband, Mac. She is now working for AcademyHealth, a non-profit organization devoted to advancing the fields of health services research and health policy through the transfer of relevant information across the research and policy arenas. As an Associate, she works on a contract with the federal agency AHRQ to convene health care providers, purchasers, and state and local government leaders to help them understand and apply health services research findings in their decision-making.

Dana Coelho (MPP/ENV '07) spent most of the summer in Costa Rica and Brazil. She was in Costa Rica for eight days in June/July co-leading a "Sustainability Learning Journey" with EcoVentures International. While not in a train, plane, or wandering somewhere crazy on foot along the Atlantic coast of Brazil, she gave an oral presentation on with three other CONS (sustainable development and conservation biology) students at the annual meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology in Brasilia. Now she is working on a website development project for Conservation International, and is back to work at the University.



"It felt really natural to assume a leadership position and to be able to put my vision into play with the collaboration of my team."

- Maha Armush (MPP/MFL '03)

Catherine Easby-Smith Albornoz (MPP/SOC '06) spent her summer as an intern for Adjunct Professor Chuck Short in the Office of Justice and Service at the Archdiocese of Washington. In that capacity, she had the opportunity to present her paper on multicultural competency in the Archdiocese's delivery of social services to the Archdiocese's senior management (the research, interviews, and work for this paper were completed during the spring semester). She also drafted grant proposals for several Archdiocesan initiatives, including the Mother Teresa Center, which would serve the low-income, multicultural population of Langley Park, Maryland.

Laura Hogan (MPP/MFL '04) was promoted in June to the position of Senior Consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) in their Organizational Change Team. The team provides business process reengineering, change management, strategic planning, and other services for federal government clients. She just wrapped up an Atlanta-based IRS project that built a new process for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) returns. Her next project is reviewing and adding in-line quality to the Social Security Administration's disability benefit program. She continues to work on proposals for many agencies including Dept. of State, Library of Congress, and IRS.

Laura reports that her team at BAH is heavily recruiting at all levels for new staff. If you are interested in learning more about government consulting or Booz Allen, please contact Laura at hogan_laura@bah.com.



Sarah Jean Norris

Merriam (Lofgren) Norris (MPP/ENV '03) and her husband Brian had a baby girl on the summer solstice, June 21. Sarah Jean weighed in at 7 lbs 12 oz. She has been growing like a weed and at 11 weeks old is already over 14 lbs. Merriam is enjoying maternity leave and will soon return part time to her job at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Merriam reports that Hubby's flexible real estate hours allow him to watch the baby while she is at work!

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RESOURCES OF INTEREST

Association for Women in Science (www.awis.org) - a non-profit association, AWIS works to promote women's activities in all scientific fields - including life and physical sciences, mathematics, social science and engineering - through social/professional networks, publications, mentoring, scholarships and job listings.

DC EcoWomen's Hour - a monthly forum that provides environmental advocates an opportunity to network with like-minded women. Participants include women directly protecting the environment through work in nonprofit organizations, foundations and government agencies. Each month's featured speaker is a leading environmental activist, who has achieved some of our greatest successes. Subscribe to the list at: <http://lists.essential.org/mailman/listinfo/dc-ecowomen/>.

The Institute for Women's Policy Research (www.iwpr.org) - a public policy research organization dedicated to informing and stimulating the debate on public policy issues of critical importance to women and their families. IWPR focuses on issues of poverty and welfare, employment and earnings, work and family is-

sues, health and safety, and women's civic and political participation. **GWIPP has a membership with IWPR providing GWIPP members with access and discounts to IWPR's many publications, conferences and events.**

Women of Washington (www.womenof.org) - along with its partner organizations in Los Angeles and Pasadena, is part of W.O.M.E.N., Inc., a 501(c)(3), non-profit, non-partisan organization. W.O.M.E.N., Inc. provides monthly forums for women to exchange ideas, support the community, learn from leaders, and help each other personally and professionally. **This year GWIPP will continue its relationship with their "Tomorrow's Leaders Today" program, holding its first event focusing on courage and leadership on September 26.**

Women's ENews (www.womensnews.org) - An online news network, Women's eNews covers issues of concern to Women, and provides a woman's perspective on public policy. This is a great resource for research and a writing outlet for all you freelancers out there.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tomorrow's Leaders Today—Courage to Lead

Monday, September 26

6:00—8:30 PM

Four Seasons Hotel

Douglass Room – Lower Level

2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Tomorrow's Leaders Today kicks off their 2005-2006 series, The Courage to Lead on Monday, September 26. The five part series will explore Leadership and Courage in our workplaces and the community and provide support to women in making the choices and facing the challenges demanded of a courageous leader. For a full event listing of this series, please visit TLT at www.womenof.org

Getting Even: Book Signing and Discussion

October 6, 2005

5:30 – 7:00 PM

IWPR

1707 L Street, NW Suite 750

Washington, DC 2006

Join Evelyn Murphy, Ph.D. as she discusses her latest book ***Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men & What to Do About it***. Ms. Murphy is the founder and president of The WAGE Project—a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving equal pay for women. **RSVP by October 3, 2005 to Holly Trout at trout@iwpr.org**

AABPA Fall Symposium: Surviving in Second Term Crosscurrents

Tuesday, November 1

Capital Hilton Hotel

16th and K Street, NW

The American Association for Budget and Program (AABPA) sponsors two symposia each year as well as monthly program meetings in the Washington DC area. Details can be found at www.aabpa.org. **Jackie Nowiki (MPP '99), currently with the GAO, will be convening a panel on OMB's PART Recommendations at the Fall Symposium.**

September 2005

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 GWIPP MTG	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 MSPP MTG	22	23	24
25	26 TLT MTG	27	28	29	30	

- Sept 14 – GWIPP General Meeting, Van Munching Room 1101 – 12:30 PM
- Sept 21 - Fall Term MSPP Community Meeting: Room 1203 from 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. Breakfast treats included
- Sept 26 – TLT : Courage to Lead
- Oct 1 - Third Annual School of Public Policy Alumni Chapter Tailgate UMD vs. UVA
- Oct 3-7: PSGA elections

COMMENCEMENT SPEECH CONT'D

ference.” But, when the tough questions are asked and the seemingly unsolvable problems are presented before us, we stick around, knowing that if there were easy answers, they would have already been given. One of my favorite movies plainly reminds us that “We have serious problems to solve and we need serious people to solve them.” We stick around to find the opportunity to make that difference, to create change that was otherwise overlooked or dismissed.

What I have found to be distinctive of people in public policy, and of my colleagues in this School is this: Sure, as economists, political scientists, or philosophers we discuss, ponder, suggest, argue, defend, challenge, and endorse a whole variety of solutions to the world’s problems. But here is the difference. As policy makers, we TRY, we EXECUTE, and we APPLY these suggestions. As policy makers we guide ideas into actions. And as policy analysts we look at what has been done, what has been tried, and offer new direction or design for action.

This is where we are headed. This is what our experiences mean and what our degrees repre-

sent. Whether we end up running for office, running a non-profit, or moderating international peace talks, we will be the ones to take a leap, to lead the pack, to clear a new path. We all want to make some sort of change, some kind of public impact—we must remember that along with this desire, we have the knowledge, the skills, and the responsibility to make that change happen.

I hope each of us gets a chance to personally thank the ones who have helped us realize the accomplishment we celebrate today. I won’t turn this ceremony into an awards show, but I hope I may speak for every graduate in thanking the staff and faculty of the Maryland School of Public Policy for their kindness and encouragement. I would also like to thank my classmates—for giving me this opportunity to speak, for keeping my eyes open to the beautiful complexities of life, and for sharing what I hope will be lifelong friendships.

And, of course I would like to thank the members of my family—the ones who are here today and the ones who are not. You are my foundation upon which I build my dreams.

Congratulations and all the best to the Class of 2005!



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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY FALL TAILGATE



Join current students and alumni from the School of Public Policy at our 3rd Annual Maryland Football Tailgate Party!

WHAT: MARYLAND VS. VIRGINIA
WHEN: OCTOBER 1, 2005 (Game time TBD, Tailgate to start 3 hrs prior)
WHERE: COURTYARD BETWEEN VAN MUNCHING HALL & THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
COST: \$25 per ticket – nearly 40% off the normal ticket price!!!
SPONSORED: The SPP Alumni Chapter

To reserve your tickets and for further information please email: garrett@mdhousing.org

PuLSE LISTSERVE

Despite gains in women's economic, political and reproductive health status, research and everyday experience demonstrate that the work of those committed to improving women's status is far from complete. Building coalitions among researchers, advocates and legislators within and among states is key to strengthening policy strategies and research that seek to improve women's status. That is why the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) created the Policy Listserv and Strategy Exchange (PuLSE), made possible by a generous grant from the Rockefeller Family Fund.

Developed in response to a demand for a convenient forum for broad-based communication between individuals interested in improving the current social, political and economic status of women, the IWPR PuLSE provides the opportunity to share your work, ideas, and concerns. Suggested topics include employment and earnings, childcare, income support programs, pay equity, affirmative action, pensions and social security, reproductive rights, sexuality and body image, violence against women, women's health, women's political participation and issues affecting low-income income. We welcome participation by all individuals invested in improving women's status and encourage discussion of disparities and diversity among women.

How to Subscribe to the PuLSE Listserv

Subscribe to the list by sending the message: SUBSCRIBE PULSE full name to the listserv address:

listserv@hermes.circ.gwu.edu

MEMBER UPDATE CONT'D

"I miss D.C. and all of my friends there already, but I am very excited about this new chapter in my life. Madison is beautiful and I'm living on the "Isthmus" as it's called, situated between Lakes Monona and Mendota. I've been biking and running quite a bit and taking in all that this small city has to offer. It's a little strange getting back to academia after working for three years at the Office of Management and Budget! I look forward to hearing from my MSPP friends!"

Amber Wichowsky (MPM/ENV '02) has just begun a Ph.D. program in political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her main research interests will be in political participation, immigration and comparative politics. She will also serve as a graduate assistant with the Center on World Affairs and the Global Economy <http://www.wisc.edu/wage>. Amber's new contact email is wichowsky@wisc.edu